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## **Chairman Hunter Reacts to Democrat Leader's Osama bin Laden Comments**

*“And even to capture him now I don’t think makes us any safer.”  
– Democrat Leader Nancy Pelosi (9-8-06)*

**Washington, D.C.** --- U.S. House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter (R-CA) today responded to Democrat Leader Nancy Pelosi’s (D-CA) comments at her weekly press conference that capturing Al Qaeda Leader Osama bin Laden would not make America safer. Hunter also invited the Minority Leader to work with House Republicans to design a new judicial process to prosecute terrorists for war crimes.

“The Minority Leader’s statement can only have a demoralizing effect on American troops and intelligence personnel who are currently risking their lives in the rugged mountain ranges and deserts of the Middle East in pursuit of Osama bin Laden and his lieutenants.

“The Minority Leader’s statement also ignores the fact that Khalid Shaikh Mohammad, one of Osama bin Laden’s top lieutenants and the alleged mastermind behind the 9/11 strikes on America, has now been sent to Guantanamo and is awaiting trial for war crimes.

“The Minority Leader should join with House Republicans in a constructive manner to design a tribunal system that will allow for the expeditious prosecution of Khalid Shaikh Mohammad and other terrorists.”

Tomorrow, the House Armed Services Committee will mark up the Military Commissions Act, legislation designed to fully and fairly prosecute terrorists while protecting American troops on the battlefield.

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